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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
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**APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT SERVICES
AGREEMENT AMENDMENT
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval of an amendment to extend the term of the Emergency and Disaster Management Service Agreement ReddiNet® Emergency Communications System for the Department of Health Services' Emergency Medical Services Agency.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. H-702828 with the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC), to extend the term of the agreement on a month-to-month basis, for up to six months, for the period July, 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for continued access to the ReddiNet® Emergency Communications System (ReddiNet®).

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Director, or his designee, to execute an amendment to the current Agreement, substantially similar to Exhibit I, with HASC to extend the term of the Agreement for up to six months, on a month-to-month basis, for the period July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for continued access to the ReddiNet® Emergency Communications System (ReddiNet®).

The Department of Health Services' (DHS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency is the coordination point between the County's Medical Alert Center (MAC) and 73 private and County hospitals. The ReddiNet® is a computerized communications system for emergency and disaster management services in Los Angeles County developed by HASC.

The ReddiNet® provides an invaluable tool for determining the real-time status of emergency departments throughout the County. This information is readily available to paramedic base hospitals and is used to determine the most appropriate hospital to which a 9-1-1 patient should be transported, informing hospitals of incoming 9-1-1 patients, and transmit and receive information from hospitals during a disaster. The ReddiNet® provides for the broadcasting of information to hospitals of suspected bioterrorism activity, suspected agents, decontamination procedures, and treatment protocols that could impact their emergency departments.

This amendment is necessary in order to allow additional time to conduct research regarding the feasibility and availability of satellite systems with capabilities not offered by HASC.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated maximum obligation for the six-month extension period of July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 is \$14,435. These fees are billed to the appropriate County facility.

Funding is included in DHS' FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The ReddiNet®, operating since January 19, 1989, is a computerized communications system utilizing computer-controlled linkages between the County's MAC and 73 private and County hospitals. The system is utilized on an on-going basis to: 1) monitor the diversion status of emergency departments to determine the most appropriate facility for transporting 9-1-1 ambulance patients; 2) inform hospitals of incoming 9-1-1 patients; and 3) transmit and receive information from hospitals during a disaster.

On June 19, 2007, your Board approved the current Agreement with HASC, which provides centralized coordination, maintenance, and administration of the ReddiNet® for on-going support services, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012.

The ReddiNet® System was designed, developed, and customized by HASC for the County. The EMS Agency has been working on an amendment to add satellite services to improve the reliability and speed of the current system. However, the Agency has just been made aware by the Internal Services Department that it is reviewing additional satellite systems which may better suit the County's current and projected communication needs. Following this review, DHS will return to your Board within the next six months, with a recommendation to extend the contract with HASC to continue current ReddiNet® services or, if cost/benefit analysis favors HASC's proposal, an amendment that includes the provision of satellite services through HASC.

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will allow the continued use of a reliable countywide emergency and disaster communications system utilized by private and County hospitals and associated emergency service providers.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

Contract No. H-702828

EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT
REDDINET® EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

AMENDMENT NO. 1

This Amendment is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2012 by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (hereafter "County"), and HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2007, the County and Contractor, entered into Agreement No. H702828 to provide an emergency communications link with all participating hospitals; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties to extend the Agreement for a period of six months, on a month-to-month basis; and

WHEREAS, Agreement provides that changes shall be made in the form of a written amendment, which is formally approved and executed by the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. This Amendment shall become effective upon date of July 1, 2012.
2. This Agreement is hereby amended to delete paragraph 1, TERM, in its entirety and replace it as follows:

"1. TERM:
The term of the Agreement shall commence and become effective July 1, 2007, and shall continue in full force and effect to and including December 31, 2012. Unless sooner terminated, revoked, or canceled, this Agreement shall finally expire at midnight on December 31, 2012."

3. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be executed by the County's Director of Health Services and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officers, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Mitchell Katz, M.D.
Director Health Services

HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

By: _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY THE OFFICE OF
THE COUNTY COUNSEL